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November 13, 1980

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Dear Mr. Morantz:

The Department of State has received your letter of November 4, 1980, transmitting the claim of Gale Robinson and Beverly Robinson for $1 million under the Federal Tort Claims Act of 1949, as amended, for damages allegedly sustained as a result of the death of Gregory Robinson in Jonestown, Guyana, on November 18, 1978.

The claim will be reviewed and the Department will communicate with you concerning its determination.

Sincerely yours,

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U.S. Dept of State
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November 4, 1980

RE: Federat Tort Calim
inre wrongful death of
Gregory Robinson

Dear Mr. Kwiatek:

Enclosed find a Federal Claim affidavit concerning the wrongful death of Gregory Robinson.

Please file the same. Claims are being made against the House of Representatives, the State Department and the United States Embassy.

Very Truly Yours

PAUL MORANTZ

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FEDERAL TORT
CLAIM DECLARATION OF PAUL MORANTZ
FOR WRONGFUL DEATH OF
GREGORY ROBINSON, PURSUANT TO
28 USC 1346, 2401 (b),
2675, and 22 CFR
31.1 et. seq.

I, PAUL MORANTZ, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

I am an attorney, licensed to practice before the courts of the State of California and of the United States, and the duly authorized representative of the claimants herein.

GREGORY ROBINSON, born October 21, 1951, is now deceased.

His sole surviving heirs at law and claimants are his parents GALE ROBINSON and BEVERLY ROBINSON, 949 Delaware Road, Burbank, Cal[illegible] 91304

At the time of his death, decedent was an award-winning photographer for the San Francisco Examiner and was in good health.

On or about November 14, 1978, the decedent, at the reqeust of governemnt employee, United States Representative Leo J. Ryan, accompanied an official United States government fact-finding mission to the country of Guyana, South America, for the purpose of investigating reports of mistreatment of American citizens in the colony of Jonestown, Guyana. Said citizens wre constituents from Congressman Ryan's district in California, or realtives of constituents. Ryan had gone to the colony of

Jonestown at the request of many of his congressional district constituents who had brought him reports of severe mistreatment of their relatives, including torture, assaults and deaths occurring in said colony of Jonestown, Guyana.

The above described mission was made with the authorization of, and funded by, the United States Congress Committeeon International Relations. At the time of the mission, it was known to Congressman Ryan and the United States, or should have reasonably been known, that the People's Temple had weapons, were dangerous and that the followers of Jim Jones were brainwashed to the point they would even follow his command to kill. In addition, it was known, or should have been known, that Jim Jones was sensitive and paranoid to media reports and extremely concerned about his public image. In fact, Jim Jones led his followers to Jonestown, following an expose on the group in New West Magazine. Despite said knowledge, Congressman Ryan and the United States Government allowed and solicited news media personnel to join the mission so Congressman Ryan and the United States Government could obtain publicity. Said news media personnel were encouraged to train their cameras upon Jim Jones and ask incriminating questions of Jim Jones, despite previous knoweldge that the same would inflame his paranoia and anger. Not only was this allowed knowingly by the United States Government, but said governemnt failed to supply necessary information to the media personnel or safety protection. In

particular, Congressman Ryan had knowledge of People's Temple activitfes, including suicide drills and paranoid atmosphere, but also had knowledge of brainwashing techniques and their danger from his studies of other cults.

Others with knowledge of Jonestown's propensity for violence, included, but is not limited to, Richard Dwyer and John Burke, of the United States Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana; John Bushnell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affeirs; and Richard McCoy, Consul, Georgetown, Guyana.

4. As a result of lack of precuations and warning, the decedent, on November 18, 1978, was killed in an attack made upon the mission party by members of the People's Temple who were armed with automatic weapons.

Witnesses vinclude the following:

1. Jackie Speier, 1617 Coronado, Burlingame, Calif. 94010.
2. Steve Sung, NBC, Burbank Calif.
3. Ron Javers, San Francisco Chronicle, Calif.
4. Tim Reiterman, San Francisco Chronicle, Calif.
5. Charles Krause, Wash. Post, Wash. D.C.
6. Beverly Oliver, Concerned Relatives.
7. Anthony Katsaris, Ukiah, Calif.
8. Monica Bagby, Vernon Gosney, Harold Gordell and Dale

Parks, former Jonestown memebers.

9. Gordan Lindsay, Los Angeles, Calif.

As a proximate result of the death of decedent, claimants have incurred pecuniary loss, including loss of support, loss of society, and loss of comfort and companionship of decedent, in the amount of $1 million dollars

Dated: November 4, 1980, Los Angeles, Calif.

PAUL MORANTZ